

IN THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-20 are pending.

Claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 are currently amended herein.

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method for presenting a merged view of remotely installed applications to which a user has terminal server (TS) based access, the method comprising:

sending, by a client computing device, a remote application discovery request to a Remote Application Publishing (RAP) web server;

receiving, by the client computing device, responsive to the request, a discovery response from the RAP web server, the discovery response comprising remote application information aggregated by the RAP web server from multiple sources;

generating, by a ~~the~~ client computing device, based on the discovery response, one or more shortcuts to one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, wherein the one or more shortcuts are independent application files that point to the one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, the ~~independent files~~ shortcuts being stored on the client computing device and presented to the user through a user interface (UI) shell executing on the client computing device,

wherein each of the applications to which the user has TS based access are installed at one or more installation points in an Intranet, the client computing device being external to the Intranet; and

wherein the one or more shortcuts ~~are aggregated to~~ present a merged view to the user of the applications to which the user has TS based access, the merged view being transparent of whether the applications to which the user has TS based access are managed by different information sources across multiple accessor modules on the Intranet and configured for remote TS-based execution by different ones of multiple installation points;

~~and wherein an accessor interrogates a directory service of the Intranet for user specific resource data, wherein the user specific resource data includes data directed to obtaining the network address for a user's computing device via a domain name service (DNS).~~

2. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more information sources comprise a directory service, a Systems Management Server, and/or a personal office computer associated with the user.

3. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the one or more installation points comprise one or more servers and/or office computers associated with the user.

4. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the shortcuts are presented in a desktop of the user.

5. **(Previously Presented)** The method of claim 1, wherein the shortcuts are presented in an Internet browser window associated with a Web service providing remote application discovery, the Web service being deployed on a Web server in the Intranet and accessible by the client computing device over a public network.

6. **(Currently Amended)** A tangible computer-readable data storage medium comprising computer-executable instructions for presenting a merged view of remotely installed applications to which a user has terminal server (TS) based access, the computer-executable instructions comprising instructions for:

sending, by a client computing device, a remote application discovery request to a Remote Application Publishing (RAP) web server;

receiving, by the client computing device, responsive to the request, a discovery response from the RAP web server, the discovery response comprising remote application information aggregated by the RAP web server from multiple sources;

generating, by a the client computing device, based on the discovery response, one or more shortcuts to one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, wherein the one or more shortcuts are independent

application files that point to the one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, the ~~independent files~~ shortcuts being stored on the client computing device and presented to the user through a user interface (UI) shell executing on the client computing device, each of the applications to which the user has TS based access being installed at one or more installation points in an Intranet, the client computing device being external to the Intranet; and

wherein the one or more shortcuts ~~are aggregated to~~ present a merged view of the applications to which the user has TS based access, the merged view being transparent of whether the applications to which the user has TS based access are managed by different information sources across multiple accessor modules on the Intranet and configured for remote TS-based execution by different ones of multiple installation points;

~~and wherein an accessor interrogates a directory service of the Intranet for user specific resource data, wherein the user specific resource data includes data directed to obtaining the network address for a user's computing device via a domain name service (DNS).~~

7. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the one or more information sources comprise a directory service, a Systems Management Server, and/or a personal office computer associated with the user.

8. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the one or more installation points comprise one or more servers and/or office computers associated with the user.

9. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the shortcuts are presented in a desktop of the user.

10. **(Previously Presented)** The computer-readable medium of claim 6, wherein the shortcuts are presented in an Internet browser window associated with a Web service providing remote application discovery, the Web service being deployed on a Web server in the Intranet and accessible by the client computing device over a public network.

11. **(Currently Amended)** A remote client device comprising:
a processor; and
a memory coupled to the processor, the memory comprising computer-program instructions executable by the processor for presenting a merged view of remotely installed applications to which a user has terminal server (TS) based access, the computer-executable instructions comprising instructions for:
sending, by a client computing device, a remote application discovery request to a Remote Application Publishing (RAP) web server;

receiving, by the client computing device, responsive to the request, a discovery response from the RAP web server, the discovery response comprising remote application information aggregated by the RAP web server from multiple sources;

generating, based on the discovery response, one or more shortcuts to one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, wherein the one or more shortcuts are independent application files that point to the one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, the ~~independent files~~ shortcuts being stored on the client computing device and presented to the user through a user interface (UI) shell executing on the client computing device, each of the applications being installed at one or more installation points in an Intranet, the remote client device being external to the Intranet; and

wherein the one or more shortcuts ~~are aggregated to~~ present a merged view of the applications to which the user has TS based access, the merged view being transparent of whether the applications to which the user has TS based access are managed by different information sources across multiple accessor modules on the Intranet and configured for remote TS-based execution by different ones of multiple installation points;

and wherein an accessor interrogates a directory service of the Intranet for user specific resource data, wherein the user specific resource data includes data

~~directed to obtaining the network address for a user's computing device via a domain name service (DNS).~~

12. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 11, wherein the one or more information sources comprise a directory service, a Systems Management Server, and/or a personal office computer associated with the user.

13. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 11, wherein the one or more installation points comprise one or more servers and/or office computers associated with the user.

14. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 11, wherein the shortcuts are presented in a desktop of the user.

15. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 11, wherein the shortcuts are presented in an Internet browser window associated with a Web service providing remote application discovery, the Web service being deployed on a Web server in the Intranet and accessible by the remote client device over a public network.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A remote client device for presenting a merged view of remotely installed applications to which a user has terminal server (TS) based access, the remote client device comprising:

means for sending a remote application discovery request to a Remote Application Publishing (RAP) web server;

means for receiving, responsive to the request, a discovery response from the RAP web server, the discovery response comprising remote application information aggregated by the RAP web server from multiple sources;

means for generating, based on the discovery response, one or more shortcuts to one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, wherein the one or more shortcuts are independent application files that point to the one or more respective applications to which the user has TS based access, the ~~independent files~~ shortcuts being stored on the client computing device and presented to the user through a user interface (UI) shell executing on the client computing device, each of the applications being installed at one or more installation points in an Intranet, the remote client device being external to the Intranet; and

wherein the one or more shortcuts ~~are aggregated to~~ present a merged view of the applications to which the user has TS based access, the merged view being transparent of whether the applications to which the user has TS based access are managed by different information sources across multiple accessor modules on the

Intranet and configured for remote TS-based execution by different ones of multiple installation points;

~~and wherein an accessor interrogates a directory service of the Intranet for user specific resource data, wherein the user specific resource data includes data directed to obtaining the network address for a user's computing device via a domain name service (DNS).~~

17. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 16, wherein the one or more information sources comprise a directory service, a Systems Management Server, and/or a personal office computer associated with the user.

18. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 16, wherein the one or more installation points comprise one or more servers and/or office computers associated with the user.

19. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 16, wherein the shortcuts are presented in a desktop of the user.

20. **(Previously Presented)** The remote client device of claim 16, wherein the shortcuts are presented in an Internet browser window associated with a Web service providing remote application discovery, the Web service being deployed on a Web server in the Intranet and accessible by the remote client device over a public network.

STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Initially, Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for conducting an interview with Applicant's representative, Patrick Reed, on July 24, 2008.

During the interview, Applicant's representative and the Examiner discussed the differences in the claims from the Dal Canto reference.

Proposed claim amendments for clarification were also discussed during the interview. Applicant's representative understands the Examiner to tentatively agree that the claims, amended for clarification as proposed during the interview, would be allowable over at least the reference cited, subject to further search.

Accordingly, without conceding the propriety of the rejections and in the interest of expediting allowance of the application, Applicant herein amends claims 1, 6, 11, and 16 in the manner discussed during the interview.

Claims 1-20 are believed to be allowable for at least the reasons discussed during the interview.